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A View From This Chair

Upon election of the chairperson of SCOP I received both congratulations and condolences from a variety of people as is often the case in situations where an advisory body has a responsibility to influence the outcome of competing interests. SCOP has a heritage of both affirmation and animosity from those who view our work. It is my intent to regularly use this portion of the newsletter to "editorialize" about the direction of the committee. It is my hope that this will serve to keep you advised of "the view from this chair" and will encourage you to let me know what you think about the work and the direction of the committee.

SCOP has been enjoying immensely the enhanced, administrative leadership and support from the Division of Professional Registration since the spring of 1987. The political and administrative skills and knowledge of both Gregg Hartley, division director and Charlotte King, executive director for the State Committee have augmented the always faithful, diligent and efficient work of Sue Wilson, our administrative assistant, and Jerry Van Hamme, our attorney. This leadership has resulted in much higher levels of productivity. Specifically, the department has filed for consideration by the General Assembly a revision of the psychology practice act. This "housekeeping" clean-up of chapter 337 has a number of revisions that will strengthen the ability of SCOP to discharge its responsibilities. While Senate Bill 793 did not pass this last legislative session, it will be refiled in the next session. Also the staff has researched and drafted ten new revised rules and regulations for our consideration (published in Volume 5, Number 2 of the June SCOP newsletter) in addition to the five that were successfully promulgated in August 1987. They are researching proposed rules of conduct to supplement the ethical standards. Additionally, we have now vastly improved investigative and financial support.

As is reflected by the enclosed survey issued by the MoPA Task Force on Therapist Sexual Misconduct, we are enjoying a new issue-oriented working relationship with MoPA in a variety of areas. These include task forces on licensure, sexual misconduct and impaired psychologists. On all of these issues it is important to keep in the forefront the protection of the public and the enhancement of the safe and beneficial practice of psychology.

I am puzzled by the rather wide-spread resistance from licensees to SCOP's interest in introducing an oral examination as part of the licensing procedures. Over fifty percent of the licensing jurisdictions in North America require oral examinations. Our doing so would help a great deal in closing the window on false positives that slip through the written examination. Consumer care is threatened by false positives and the profession is often embarrassed.

Let me hear from you on these and other issues.

Roy C. Davis, D.Min. SCOP Chair

Committee Reviews Policies

Representatives of CCP and MoPA met with the committee at the November 1987 meeting to discuss issues surrounding recognition of subsequently-earned doctoral degrees. As a result of that meeting, the state committee appointed a subcommittee which included Gregg Hartley, director, Division of Professional Registration; Jerry Van Hamme, assistant attorney general; and Rose Boyarsky, Ph.D., committee member. The subcommittee was assigned the responsibility to study these issues and to propose draft regulations pertaining to recognition of degrees. After careful study, the subcommittee presented its report and two (2) proposals at the February 1988 meeting. The state committee determined not to act on either proposal at that time.

In the March 1988 meeting, staff presented a report on the recognition of doctoral degrees earned subsequent to licensure. Several conclusions and recommendations were included in that report including the following:

CONCLUSIONS:

- 1. The committee established a doctoral recognition policy partially in response to their concern that the public could be misled by an individual using a doctoral degree under which that individual was not licensed as a psychologist.
- 2. The recognition process advises licensees that subsequently-earned doctoral degrees were or were not acceptable to avoid any future discipline in reference to their use of that degree.
- 3. The committee received pressure from psychologists licensed with a masters degree to grant recognition of a subsequently-earned doctoral degree because certain insurance companies refused to pay third-party reimbursements unless such recognition had been granted.
- 4. The policy resolving these issues in combination has raised continuing questions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Subsequently-earned doctoral degrees no longer be "recognized" by the committee.
- 2. Degree designations no longer be listed on wall-hanging licenses.
- 3. Degree designations no longer be listed in the directory of licensed psychologists.
- 4. Each licensee should be responsible for utilizing only relevant degrees in conjunction with that licensee's practice as a licensed psychologist in the state of Missouri.
- 5. In regard to the appropriate use of degrees earned subsequent to licensure in relation to the practice of psychology in Missouri, the issue should be considered by the committee as it poses a threat to the public as being fraudulent or misleading. The committee's response to such a threat should be guided by the ethical regulation, "when announcing or advertising professional services, psychologists may list the following information to describe the provider and services providing: name, highest relevant academic degree earned from a regionally accredited institution, ...". The statute does not prohibit a licensee from displaying a diploma listing his highest relevant degree or to use that in advertising or other communications with the public.

At the June meeting in Springfield, with representatives of both MoPA and CCP present, the committee and staff engaged in substantial discussions involving these recommendations. The state committee adopted a motion that, "subsequently-earned degrees no longer be 'recognized' by the committee." They also adopted a motion that, "the state committee recommend the department continue to list degree designation on wall-hanging licenses." While no specific motion was raised, the committee concurred that recommendations four and five are required by the current regulations.

At the July meeting, the division announced further policy changes to resolve the outstanding issues. Effective October 1, 1988, wall-hanging licenses will be issued without degree designations. Additionally, a new format will be developed for the directory of licensed psychologists which contains only that information most pertinent to determining licensure. Most likely, that will include name, address, date of licensure and license number.

From the Desks of . . . Central Office Staff

The fiscal year ending June 30, 1988, has just passed and with that comes a sigh of relief and a sigh of awe as we reflect back to the great deal of work which has been accomplished by the committee members and staff. White we are occasionally accused of adding to the diminishing number of trees as a result of the volumes and size of the agenda books and applications that are photocopied, we thought you might be interested in knowing some of the results for the year beginning July 1, 1987 and ending June 30, 1988.

Total number of licensed psychologists to date
Currently licensed psychologists
Number of applications received for licensure
Applications denied during the first review
Number of candidates examined for licensure
Number of candidates failing the exam
Psychologists licensed by examination
Psychologists licensed by reciprocity/endorsement of score
Number of psychologists licensed
Review of requests for proposed supervision

Applications which are denied initially for failure to meet the licensure requirements are routinely brought back to the committee for additional reviews, therefore, it is not uncommon for the committee members to review an application file a minimum of three times.

The following information pertains to the investigative and disciplinary actions taken concerning licensed psychologists and unlicensed individuals for the past year.

Number of informal probationary agreements
Pending informal disciplinary agreements 4
Licenses revoked
Licenses revoked/revocation stayed/suspended
Disciplinary actions to be filed with the AHC (AHC - Administrative Hearing Commission)
Licensed psychologists investigated
Unlicensed individuals investigated9
Pending investigations - licensed psychologists
Cases referred to Trade Offense Division
Cases referred to local prosecuting attorney
Cases requiring cease and desist letters for violations 4

In addition to the above, the committee distributed three newsletters, promulgated rule changes, introduced legislation and had numerous subcommittee meetings on rules and regulations, sexual misconduct and oral examinations. While many other tasks were performed by the committee members and staff, they are too numerous to mention. We now begin a new fiscal year with new and remaining tasks to be accomplished.

Sue Wilson Administrative Assistant

Subcommittee on Sexual Misconduct

The State Committee of Psychologists' Subcommittee on Sexual Misconduct has been actively working on identifying tasks to be accomplished as they consider the ramifications of relationships between therapists and clients. In addition to publishing the check list from the Pope and Bouhoutsos book entitled, "Sexual Intimacy Between Therapists and Patients" another task has been to consult with the MoPA Task Force on Therapist Sexual Misconduct in their development of the enclosed survey in addition to providing financial assistance with its distribution. The State Committee encourages your participation in completing and returning this survey to Dr. Jayne E. Stake, UMSL Department of Psychology, 8001 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63121-9989.

Sexual Intimacy Between Therapists and Patients

The following checklist may be of value in evaluating our vulnerabilities with patients:

Despite the many limitations of checklists, these items are offered to assist in self-evaluation. Examining this list from time to time - especially during periods of great stress or "burnout" - can help ensure that we handle appropriately any "risk factors" associated with therapist-patient sexual intimacy. If we do seem to be in a situation involving increased risk, awareness can be a crucial first step toward prevention. Reviewing the following issues may be helpful in evaluating our own vulnerabilities.

- 1. Becoming preoccupied with personal problems and devoting large portions of therapy session to discussing these problems with a patient.
- 2. Playing "know it all" with a patient: providing authoritative answers to all the patient's questions and becoming angry when challenged or caught in an error.
- 3. Telling the patient to engage in certain kinds of sexual behaviors, so that you can derive vicarious enjoyment and feel a sense of control over someone else's sexuality.
- 4. Instructing a patient to refrain from sexual relations or to discontinue certain relationships, based on your jealousy.
- 5. Dressing or talking in a seductive manner.
- 6. Telling a patient to dress or talk in a seductive manner.
- 7. Meeting your patient for drinks, dinner, or a "date."
- 8. Scheduling your patient's session (at night, as the last patient of the day, and so on) on the basis of your sexual attraction rather than on the basis of the patient's clinical needs.
- 9. Discussing sexual issues and material with the patient on the basis of your sexual interests rather than on the basis of the patient's clinical needs.
- 10. Finding yourself sexually attracted to or aroused by the patient without examining this response in light of the treatment dynamics and the appropriate handling of this response.
- 11. Isolating the patient (for example, not referring to a physician for screening medical problems, to a psychologist for psychological and neuropsychological testing, to a colleague for adjunctive treatment or a "second opinion") so that you become the patient's only lifeline and so that any improper activity between you and the patient will more likely go undetected by others.
- 12. Isolating yourself (not seeking out customary consultation, supervision, support and so on, from colleagues regarding your work with a particular patient).¹

¹Pope, K.S. and Bouhoutsos, J.C. 1986. Sexual Intimacy Between Therapists and Patients. New York: Praeger. pp. 166-167

David Edens, Ed.D. Member, SCOP

American Association of State Psychology Boards Disciplinary Data Report

In an effort to inform the readers of the SCOP newsletter of the disciplinary actions taken by other state licensing boards and jurisdictions, the State Committee has agreed to include on a regular basis the disciplinary actions reported to the American Association of State Psychology Boards. This report is generated from AASPB to the state licensing boards on a quarterly basis. Only formal actions concerning probation, suspension or revocation of licenses are reported to AASPB. Informal agreements which may be developed restricting the practice of a psychologist or placing the license under certain terms and conditions are not reported to AASPB. The Missouri State Committee of Psychologists participates in the reporting process to AASPB; however, there are no reported cases in the listing below at this time.

The following list is the first and second AASPB Disciplinary Data Report for 1988 ending April 1, 1988.

JURISDICTION	LICENSEE CERTIFICAND	DISCIPLINARY ACTION	REASON
Alabama	Ronald Hamby	Revocation of License	Sexual Relations with Client
Arizona	Helmut Stich	Revocation of License	Sexual Misconduct with Client
	Roberta F. Matteson	Revocation of License	Failure to comply with Board Order
California	Michael Cavanaugh	Revocation of License	Sexual Relations with Client
	Richard Corriere	Revocation of License	Incompetence; Gross abuse of patients; aiding/abetting unlicensed practice; Misrepresentation of credentials; Gross Negligence
	Charlotte J. Early	Revocation of License	Mental incapacity/Addiction to alcohol
	Stephen Gold	Revocation of License	Incompetence; Gross abuse of patients; aiding/abetting unlicensed practice; Misrepresentation of credentials; Gross Negligence
	Joseph T. Hart	Revocation of License	Incompetence: Gross abuse of patients; Misrepresentation of credentials: Gross Negligence
	John M. Woodbury	Voluntary Surrender of License	Conviction of Crime
Indiana	Clarence E. Willis	Suspension of License	Unethical incompetent practice; lewd or immoral conduct
Iowa	Allen Silberman	Revocation of License	Sexual Relations with Client
Maine	Frank Passini	Suspension of License (14 days)	Dual relationship with client
Maryland	Allen Roy Smith	Revocation of License	Dual relationship with client
	Paul H. Del Nero	Revocation of License	Sexual Relations with Client
Massachusetts	Michael Dongarra	Voluntary Surrender of License	Conviction of crime involving fal- sified medicaid claims
	Adelard Everton	Voluntary Surrender of License	Ethical violations
	James Hagedorn	Voluntary Surrender of License	Sexual Relations with Client
Michigan	George D. Barahal	Suspension of License (6 Mos.)	Conviction of felony
	Jeffery J. Stern	License limited to super- vised practice	Conviction of crimes
	Ottowai R. Hamme	Revocation of License	Mental/physical inability to practice
	Valorie E. Cheyne	Suspension of License (6 Mos.)	Conviction of crimes

JURISDICTION	LICENSEE CERTIFICAND	DISCIPLINARY ACTION	REASON
Minnesota	Susan Back	Conditional License	Improper billing practices
	Gordon Braatz	Restricted License	Unprofessional Conduct
	Joel Michael Brown	Indefinite Suspension	Failure to obey Board Order
	Patricia Faunce	Restricted/Conditional License	Inappropriate billing practices
Nebraska	George Wayne	Voluntary Surrender of License (12 Mos.)	Unprofessional Conduct; Gross, Immoral Conduct
New York	Anthony P. Salim	Surrender of License	Sexual Misconduct with Client
North Carolina	Patrick A. Dixon	Denial of Licensure	Fraud in application
Ohio	Daniel M. Patterson	Revocation of License	Felony Convictions
Okłahoma	Michael Neal Hamel	Revocation of License	Conviction of crimes involving mail & insurance fraud
	Dennis A. Rawlings	Suspension (5 yrs.) (On appeal)	Violations of Board's Code of Ethics
Ontario	Bernard Lacome	Suspension of License (6 mos.) (On appeal)	Unreported
	Henry V. Coady	Revocation of License	Unprofessional Conduct; Child Abuse
	David M. Garner	Suspension of License (2 yrs.)	Unreported
Utah	Sharon Goodwill	Indefinite Suspension	Failure to obey Board's Order
Vermont	William E. Roberts	Revocation of License	Conviction of medicaid fraud
•	Donald A. Wald	Revocation of License (1981)	Conviction of felony
Virginia	Margaret A. Browne	License restricted to supervised practice	Dual relationship with client
	Robert D. Quinn	Revocation of License	Conviction of mail fraud
Quebec	Jacques-Andre Michaud	Struck from provincial roll of psychologists (3 years)	Unprofessional conduct/Sexual Intimacies; Inappropriate Sexual Contact with Client
	Germain Bergeron	Struck from provincial roll of psychologists (1 month)	Proposal of unrecognized thera- peutic approach for sexual prob- lem and undertaking of profes- sional work whilst/insufficiently prepared.
	Bernard Rivenq	Revocation of Permit	Unprofessional Conduct; Practice outside of area of competency; Misrepresentation of credentials; Breach of confidentiality
Washington	Albert E. Bundt	Suspension of License (6 mos.)	Unprofessional Conduct; Breach of Confidentiality

Revoked Licenses for Failure to Renew Annual Registration Fee

The following licensees were revoked for failure to pay the annual registration fee and penalty fees, pursuant to 337.030 2.

John Adam Carol Estrada Thomas Huberty Roberta O-Carolan Jerome Seeman Ruth Hummel Michael Seidenberg Morris Fishbein Patricia Owen Paul Adler David Armentrout Siebolt Frieswyk John Jones Francis Paone Jack Seitzinger Carol Averill Dennis Gardner William Jones Daniel Paskewitz Ben Shaw Kenneth Kohutek James Smith Ronald Belter Sheldon Gardner Edward Peterov Irving Gottesman Linda Larsen Elizabeth Sukowicz Greg Berg Donald Petrovich Richard Grenhart Curt Toler Leonard Brockway Lynn Martin Gerald Prideaux Thomas Guilmette Barbara McCombs James Vanderplas Edward Purzycki Freida Brown Jean Vanderplas James Bruce James Hannum James McKee C. Steven Richards Robert Burkham William Harlow David J. Miller Sylvia Riley George Weigly Renate Welch Ann Carberry Virginia Harris Stanley Mize Sally Robertson Timothy Hawley Earl Moore Michael Rooney Richard Williams Jack Carmichael Arlis Wood Michele Henry Wanda Morgan John Ryan Laurie Chassin Ruth Clifford M. Herrick Sherri Muchnick James Schear David Zemelman Nancy Hillard Jan Munson Joseph Schroeder Philip Dubois Steven Holley Donald Nicholson Donald Schubert Daniel Elash

Not Current

The following individuals have not renewed their licenses since the 1987 renewal period. Pursuant to 337.030 2., individuals who do not pay their registration fee and penalty fees within two years shall have their license revoked. If a license has been revoked for failure to pay the renewal fees, in order to obtain licensure again it is necessary to refile a complete application and meet the current licensing requirements.

Not Current Since February 1, 1988

Viola Agnew David Benson *Alan Delamater John Ferguson *J. Thomas Grisso Wilson Judd Larry Lintz *Sandra Logan Beth McGuire Rick Mehlman Horace Mitchell Lance Portnoff Reese Price Michael Schwartz *Algimantas Shimkunas Helen Stevens Annie Wells Sherrill Akyol

Not Current Since February 1, 1987

Libby Bass Robert Blinder Samuel Bryan Charles Combs Edmund Conklin Jefferv Durbin Carolyn Farguhar Louise Von Felts Frank Gomer Samuel Graham John Harrington Ronolee Henderson **Edward Hickling** Jan Horner Frank Lahman Milton Lasoski Arthur MacKinney Ruth Marco

Roger McCay John McWay Gustave Sison Sharon Stiver *Victoria Weisz

The above article is for informational purposes only and is not intended to serve as official notice concerning registration renewal pursuant to 337,030 and 4 CSR 235-1.050.

^{*}Notified central office not renewing

NEWLY LICENSED PSYCHOLOGISTS

April 15, 1988 - Examination

Ankenbrandt, Marion Joyce, Ph.D. Barnes, Barbara Oehler, Ph.D. Chida, Thomas Lawrence, Ph.D. DeVore, Kyle Willis, Ph.D. Erker, Gerard John, Ph.D. Flynn, Teresa Mary, Ph.D. Gfeller, Donna Kvinge, Ph.D. Higgins, Nancy Carol, Ph.D. Jensen, Georgia Beth, Ph.D. Kropp, Joseph Patrick, Ph.D. Kuehn, Ginger Bonnie Alita, Ph.D. Lambert, Matthew Edward, Ph.D. Lightfoot, Sharon Lynn, Ph.D. May, Morton Jay, Ph.D. McCabe, Jean Marie, Ph.D. Meier, Lonny Ray, M.A. Murdock, Nancy Louise, Ph.D. Olthoff, Nancy Louise, Ph.D. Owens, Virginia Lee, Ph.D. Price, Terri Lynn, Ph.D. Rogers, Linda Louise, Ph.D. Sanders, Gilbert Otis, Ed.D. Schedler, Donald Edward, Ph.D.

Schlitt, Deborah Joan, Ph.D.
Selove, Rebecca June, Ph.D.
Snow, Jeffrey Harris, Ph.D.
Spotts, Carol Ann, Ph.D.
Stacy, Michael Paul, Ph.D.
Strano. Donald Allen, Ed.D.
Tenenbaum, Steven Joseph, Ph.D.
Van Biber, Katherine Eileen, Ph.D.
Wendt, Sherri Diane Fry, M.S.
Wilke, Robert George, Ph.D.
Wilson, Bradley Jay, Ph.D.

No. Taking Exam 40 No. Passing 34 National Exam Mean 143

Reciprocity/Endorsement of Score

Anthony, James Stephen, Ph.D.
Averett, Ellen Penny, Ph.D.
Des Lauriers, Austin M., Ph.D.
Hoffman, Joseph James, Ph.D.
Hopson-Walker, Steven Douglas, Ph.D.
Milligan, John Robert, Ph.D.
Nietfeldt, Cheryl Lynn, Ph.D.
Patton, Michael James, Ph.D.
Porter, Sheryl R., Ph.D.
Shoemaker, David Verle, Ph.D.
Stewart, Patricia Ann, Ph.D.
Veneziano, Louis C., Ph.D.
Wang, Paul H., Ph.D.
Wessell, Angela Lynn, Ph.D.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 14, 1988 - filing deadline for October exam

October 14, 1988 - licensure examination

September 9 - 10, 1988 - Board meeting in Clayton, MO

November 11 - 12, 1988 - Board meeting in Kansas City, MO

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